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**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, the Examiner has required a restriction between the claims of Group I (claims 1-24 and 27-29) drawn to a method of using a polypeptide product; the claims of Group II (claims 1-24 and 27-29) drawn to a method of using a antibody product; and the claims of Group III (claims 1-16) drawing to a method of using polynucleotides.

In response thereto, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, directed to using a polypeptide product. The Examiner has also required an election of species. In response thereto, Applicants provisionally elect the species represented by the polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO. 75. This sequence corresponds to that set forth in Figure 6.10. However, Applicants do not concede that the application should be limited to only this elected sequence. Applicants submit that the individual sequence is elected for purposes of initiating examination, and after the elected species is found allowable, then the search and examination should be expanded to additional species encompassed by the generic claims. Thus, although Applicants have elected a single disclosed species in response to the Examiner's request, Applicants specifically reserve the right to, at a later date, argue as necessary for examination of additional species beyond the initial elected species represented by SEQ ID NO. 75.

Claims 30-33 have been added to the application and are readable on the elected species.

Favorable action on the claims is requested.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$475.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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